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CLOVIS MAY GET A STATE NORMAL

HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FAVORABLY REPORTS SCHOOL BILL.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 7.—Chief interest in the senate this morning was in the passage of House Bill No. 9, commonly known as the bee bill. This is a measure advocated by the bee keepers of the state and is designed to do away with epidemics of disease among bees. The senate passed several other minor measures and tabled several bills, among which was a bill by Senator Evans against restraint in trade.

The house was chiefly occupied with the measures on its calendar, none of which was of surpassing importance. The people of Clovis who are advocating a state Normal school there, came out victorious when the house committee on ways and means reported House Bill No. 109 to establish such a school, with the recommendation that it be passed. And at the same time reported unfavorably bill for normal schools at Artesia, Portales, Clayton and Tucuman. As the committee on ways and means controls the house, this action is equivalent to the passage of the Clovis bill.

The committee also favorably reported House Bill No. 45 to create Sumner county with the county seat at Fort Sumner. That indicates the bill will pass. Among the bills were House Bill No. 80, by Montoya, authorizing county commissioners to transfer moneys from the court house repair fund to the roads fund. Carter introduced House Joint Resolution No. 23 authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to visit the various towns asking for state normal schools and report to the next session. House Joint Resolution No. 24 was introduced by Llewellyn to ratify the income tax amendment to the federal constitution. House Bill 131 by Llewellyn provides additional appropriation for the sixty-third fiscal year to pay the salaries of state officials. House Joint Resolution No. 25 by Chavez, appropriates \$1,420 extra pay for the capital employees.

GOMEZ FINDS HIMSELF IN AWKWARD POSITION

"PROVISIONAL" PRESIDENT OF MEXICO CANNOT RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

Juarez, May 8.—The provisional government established here last Saturday by Emilio Vasquez Gomez hangs in the balance. The repudiation of the civil authority which Gomez as provisional president created to govern the destinies of the revolution is today worrying him greatly. Gomez and his associates declare a misunderstanding has occurred and an exchange of letters will straighten it out.

It is generally admitted now that while General Orozco invited Gomez to come from San Antonio, Texas, to participate in the direction of the revolutionary affairs, the invitation did not extend to the assumption of executive authority such as a provisional president might have.

Should Orozco and Gomez fail to agree eventually, Gomez is likely to find himself in an embarrassing position. The Mexican government will arrest him on a charge of treason should he venture into federal territory. In Juarez, or the rebel zone, now he is virtually under the control of Orozco and rumors that he is actually a prisoner of Orozco have been numerous in the last few days. To return across the Rio Grande into the United States, friends of Gomez believe impossible, as it is reported that American special agents now have gathered evidence charging Gomez with fomenting revolution against Mexico while on American territory.

Much depends on the military achievements of Orozco in the next few days. News of a decisive battle somewhere between Torreon and Jimenez was expected today. Gomez has a strong following in the south, but has little popular support in the north where Orozco is the dictator. Should Orozco be defeated it may mean the rise of Gomez or a new military chief. A rebel victory it is believed spells a complete dictatorship hereafter by Orozco and, perhaps, the downfall of Gomez. Likewise a revolutionary triumph at this moment would present a serious situation for the Madero government, as agents of the latter in El Paso declared today the federal government had concentrated nearly all its military strength for a decisive blow to the insurgents.

Emilio Vasquez Gomez gave a detailed explanation today of the tangle that has arisen over his relations with General Orozco. Seated in the customs house, the provisional capital of the republic, with Pascual Orozco, Sr., father of the military chief, at his side, Senor Gomez declared he had been acting in accord with Orozco for months. As early as March 2, the revolutionary junta in El Paso, he asserted, proclaimed him provisional president and simultaneously invited Orozco to join the revolutionary cause. As proof of this, Senor Gomez produced a copy of the proceedings of the El Paso junta on March 2. The names of Dr. Policarpo Bueda, now revolutionist representative in Washington and other prominent Mexicans are signed to it.

Senor Gomez exhibited the letter of Pascual Orozco accepting the offer of military chief of the revolution and the correspondence in which Orozco welcomed Gomez as provisional president. To all these the elder Orozco nodded assent. Senor Gomez declared the confusion that appeared to exist was the handiwork of Gonzalo C. Enrile, now in Chihuahua, who, he said, was ambitious to control revolutionary affairs. Enrile, it is alleged, signed Orozco's name to these telegrams expressing opposition to Gomez. Fear that the American authorities might apprehend him for a violation of neutrality laws, was the reason given by Gomez for his repeated denials heretofore of complicity in revolutionary propaganda.

The messenger sent by Gomez to Orozco at the rebel front 200 miles away should reach him late today when, according to Gomez, Orozco will fully understand what has been done and will formally sanction it.

Water Is Poisoned.
Escalon, Mex., May 8.—Poison in drinking water is the ammunition which the federals now are using to crush the rebels. This was the charge made by General Salazar, who today reported to General Orozco that the recent battle at Cautro Cienegas was a rebel victory. Salazar sent word by courier that he lost 22 men, most of whom perished after drinking from a spring presumably infected by the federals. Many of Salazar's men are ill. Salazar declared the government loss was 70 killed and many wounded. The battle lasted 12 hours. After the town capitulated, Salazar gathered a large quantity of ammuni-

tion, left a garrison in the town and proceeded southward to join the main body of Orozco forces. Residents in this section have complained lately of poisoned wells. Many horses have been lost by the rebels as a result of this condition.

POLITICS ACTIVE AT METHODIST MEETING

GENERAL CONFERENCE IS ENDEAVORING TO ELECT TEN NEW BISHOPS

Minneapolis, Minn., May 8.—With the beginning today of the second week of the quadrennial conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, the "politics" of the church, which hinges principally on the election of the bishops, is occupying more and more the attention of the delegates. Conservative leaders place the number of names which will be voted on at the first ballot at 100, while others say there will be nearer 200. A two-thirds vote of the 850 delegates is necessary for the election of a bishop.

Among those who prominently are mentioned as candidates from whom the probable eight or ten new bishops will be chosen, and who in most cases have been candidates in previous conferences, are Naphthali Lubbock, Kansas City; M. Hughes, Pasadena, California; A. E. Schell, president Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Fletcher Homan, Portland, Oregon; Benjamin O'Yung, Portland, Oregon; George H. Bradford, president Epworth University, Guthrie, Oklahoma; and F. D. Bovard, San Francisco.

Make War on Catholics

Without debate, but in a slightly modified form, the resolution presented Monday by W. F. Rice of Chile, protesting against the action of the Ecumenical conference in Edinburgh recently, which set aside all protestant mission work in Greek and Roman Catholic countries, was adopted by the general conference of the Methodist church here today. The resolution, in part, follows:

"Whereas, in all those lands which form a large part of the missionary field of the Methodist Episcopal church, the teachings and practices of Romanism deprive the people of the Bible, pervert many of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity, and foster superstitions which alienate the thinking class and bind heavy burdens upon the poor, therefore, be it

"Resolved, that the Methodist Episcopal church recognizes its plain duty to prosecute its missionary enterprises in Greek and Roman Catholic countries with increasing zeal, and be it

"Resolved, that it is our duty to oppose the machinations of Romanism and to counteract its attempts to gain an ever-increasing control of our public schools, to use the public funds for sectarian schools; and finally be it

"Resolved, that we feel the deepest sympathy with love towards the priests within the Greek and Catholic churches who are working toward a more spiritual interpretation of the Christian faith."

No More Smoking

The conference in a din of cheering which lasted for several minutes also adopted a resolution presented by Rev. Robert Stephens of Danville, Ill., which prohibits the election of any officer of the general conference, which includes secretaries of boards and editors of church papers, who use tobacco in any form.

PAPERS WERE BURNED.

New York, May 8.—Further testimony to support the contention of the government that the American Steel and Wire company, one of the largest subsidiaries of the United States Steel corporation was an illegal combination, was taken today when the hearings in the suit to dissolve the corporation under the Sherman anti-trust act were resumed. Henry A. Whitney testified concerning what he knew of the disappearance of the papers in the wire pool cases used as evidence before the federal grand jury, which were returned to the steel corporation after the indictments were found. Whitney testified he had destroyed the papers last October or November, on orders from Frank Baackes, vice president of the American Steel and Wire company. The order was given when Baackes visited the Worcester plant, he said.

He was told before he destroyed them to take them to the office of George A. Cragin, a Worcester official of the company, where they remained until the visit of Mr. Baackes, he said. Among the papers destroyed, Whitney testified, were the minutes of the wire rope pool, the pool agreement and correspondence concerning its operations.

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POLISH VIOLINIST MAY APPEAR IN LAS VEGAS ON THE 22ND. OF MAY

There is a possibility that the eminent Polish violinist, Haroldi, may appear at the Duncan theater here on May 22. Herr Haroldi is accompanied by the distinguished Bohemian pianist, Rudolph Polak. Colonel Ray, who is directing the tour for Ernest Shipman, Haroldi's American manager, who controls Melba, Eames, De Gogorza, Nordica, Haroldi and Polak, is at the Castaneda today and declares that Las Vegas is musical. The colonel's experience with Impressaria Behymer's attractions in the west for the past ten years, has given him an insight on cities that can manage the few really big things.



THE EMINENT HAROLDI.

that come through the western country, and Las Vegas will be on the musical map. Colonel Ray was astonished at the growth of the city, as he has not been here for many years. He brought Frederick Warde here on his last visit. Haroldi has recently appeared in the six big California Philharmonic festivals in conjunction with Schumann-Heink, Kubelik, David Bispham, Alexander Bonci and Harold Bauer. Manager Duncan, and Colonel Ray are conferring today on the possibility of the attraction appearing in Las Vegas. Ex-Governor Mims, followed by the banks, headed the list this morning to put the deal through. The colonel left on train No. 10 for Denver. His

son remains over to complete arrangements.

HOLY WAR EXPECTED TO BE WAGED SOON

TURKEY IS INVOKING AID OF MOHAMMEDANS AGAINST ITALY

Paris, May 8.—The call for Moslems to participate in a holy war, which was launched at the start of the Turco-Italian war, is, according to the correspondent of the Temps in Tunis, secretly enveloping all Islam and moving steadily from tribe to tribe in every Mohammedan country. Owing to the threatening conditions in Morocco, the French government has decided to send seven battalions of infantry instead of three battalions, as originally planned, as well as extra batteries of artillery, to that country. Two battalions of native Senegal infantry are now being mobilized at Dakar, and these will reach Casa Blanca, Morocco on June 30.

These reinforcements will give General Moirer a force of 32,000 men with another 11,000 spread out along the frontier of Algeria. The latest advice from Fez by courier indicate that foreigners there are filled with a vague uneasiness and fear that further outbreaks are impending.

Turks Win Victory

London, May 8.—The governor of the Turkish island of Rhodes, where Italian troops landed a few days ago, telegraphed: "We have won a victory and have captured 1,000 Italians," according to a special news dispatch dated May 8 from Pera, Turkey.

UNDERWOOD IS WINNER.

Jackson, Miss., May 8.—Oscar W. Underwood defeated Governor Woodrow Wilson by a decisive majority in the democratic presidential primary in Mississippi Tuesday, according to figures compiled today. Not more than 25 per cent of the registered vote was polled. Returns are coming in slowly. The figures on hand show that Underwood has carried at least 65 of the 78 counties in the state and the number may be increased by the official figures.

The Optic prints all the news.

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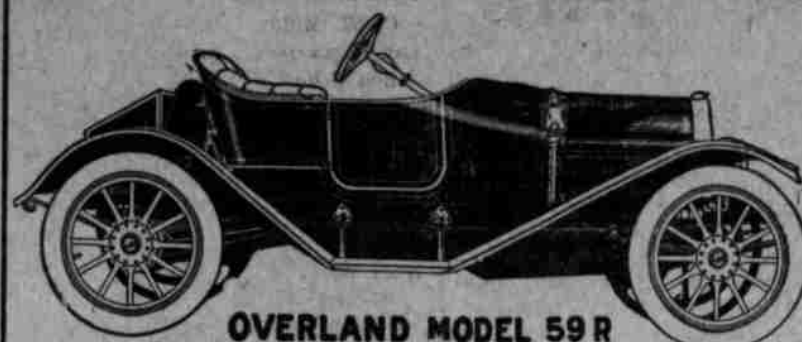
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